

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-20, 32 and 33 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1, 6, 8, 9, 12 and 19 have been amended, and claim 34 has been added by the present Amendment. No new matter has been added by the amended claims 1, 6, 8, 9, 12 and 19 and the added claim 34. Claims 4, 5 and 7 have been canceled without prejudice.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

I. Claims 1, 4-5 and 19-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Byun et al. (US20040001177) ("Byun").

Applicants respectfully submit that Byun does not disclose or suggest liquid crystal dots comprising a plurality of first dots arranged along a plurality of straight lines, the straight lines extending in a second direction such that the first dots form a plurality of dot rows, and the first dots in adjacent two of the dot rows being arranged offset in a first direction, as recited in amended claim 1. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is not anticipated by Byun.

Claim 1 recites first dots in adjacent two of the dot rows being arranged offset in a first direction. For example, referring to Fig. 4B of Applicants' disclosure, the dots in adjacent rows are offset from each other in the X-direction. The Examiner cites figures 53T and 53V as disclosing the claimed feature. However, neither 53T, 53V nor any drawings of Byun describe that dots in adjacent two rows are arranged offset. At most, Byun shows more dots in a row than in an another row. *See* Fig. 53V.

Since Byun does not disclose or suggest the limitations recited in amended claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 1 is not anticipated by Byun.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that Examiner withdraw the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and that claim 1 is in condition for allowance.

II. Claims 3 and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Byun. Claim 23 has been canceled in the previous response to the Office Action. As such, Applicants understand that the Examiner intended to reject claim 3 only.

Claim 3 depends from claim 1. Thus, claim 3 is allowable for at least the reasons provided for claim 1.

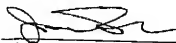
Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that Examiner withdraw the rejection of claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 and that claim 3 is in condition for allowance.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 8-18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 32 and 33 are allowed.

For the foregoing reasons, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any further questions or comments, the Examiner may telephone Applicants' Attorney to reach a prompt disposition of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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